

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

SCT Cropland – Irrigated

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: SCT Cropland – Irrigated		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. 1. Will 3 or more SWAPA elements be treated through this EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. Will all contracted practices be management, vegetative or non-engineering type practices, or if engineering practices are included will the participant supply the engineering design certified by a licensed professional engineer?.....(This includes producer-selected TSP designs)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3. Will practices be implemented to treat surface water quality concerns in a planning unit that is immediately adjacent to a 303d listed (category 4 or 5) waterbody, as shown on the WA DOE web-based map?..... (http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/wqawa/viewer.htm)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4. Will the initial contract length be limited to 5 years or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. 5. Will contracted practices assist the producer in complying with AFO/CFO, Tribal or Forest Practices Act laws and regulations, or the Food Quality Protection Act?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is applicant certified as Socially Disadvantaged, Beginning, or Limited Resource Farmer/Rancher?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
IRRIGATED CROP ONLY Answer "yes" only once for questions the next 4 questions (based on the most efficient system) --- Surface irrigation is the distribution of irrigation water by surface means such as furrows, borders, contour levees, or contour ditches. Grant points if the application includes conservation practices that directly improve irrigation efficiencies on land that has historically been and is currently under surface irrigation. This includes the use of , sprinkler, and trickle systems. Evaluation may be based on case file information and applicant interview.	
10. (IRRIGATED CROP ONLY)Will surface irrigation be converted to drip/trickle?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. (IRRIGATED CROP ONLY)Will surface irrigation be converted to other sprinkler system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. (IRRIGATED CROP ONLY)Will surface irrigation be improved to sprinkler or drip where field may have a history of pressurized irrigation but is no longer being used and is currently surface irrigated?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. (IRRIGATED CROP ONLY)Will surface irrigation be improved providing water quality/quantity benefits?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
IRRIGATED CROP ONLY irrigation induced erosion. Only answer questions if project is converting from surface irrigation to a pressure system. Answer yes to all that apply for the next 6 questions. Following the instructions of NRCS Tech. Note 23, irrigation induced erosion – Nomograph, assign 1 point for each ton/ac saved. This is the difference between the before and after scenarios. Use the predominant soil type and percent slope and the average length of run and crop type.	
14. (IRRIGATED CROP ONLY)Will planned practices reduce irrigation induced erosion by at least 1 ton?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. (IRRIGATED CROP ONLY)Will planned practices reduce irrigation induced erosion by at least 2 tons?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. (IRRIGATED CROP ONLY)Will planned practices reduce irrigation induced erosion by at least 3 tons?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

17. (IRRIGATED CROP ONLY)Will planned practices reduce irrigation induced erosion by at least 4 tons?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. (IRRIGATED CROP ONLY)Will planned practices reduce irrigation induced erosion by at least 5 tons?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. (IRRIGATED CROP ONLY)Will planned practices reduce irrigation induced erosion by at least 6 or more tons?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
IRRIGATED CROP ONLY. Answer yes to all that apply	
20. (IRRIGATED CROP ONLY)Will irrigation efficiency be improved on non-surface systems?..... Select "yes" if improving irrigation efficiency on non-surface systems by 10% or more above current conditions. (Evaluation based on FIRI or approved methods)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL	
47. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) Will a buffer/wildlife practices be installed? Answer "yes" only if the application includes a buffer/wildlife practice that will provide a water quality, wildlife habitat, and/or air quality benefit. (Answer yes only if points are not awarded for other modifiers)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
48. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) “Applicant's history of completing previous contracts” (1 of 3) ---Based on applicant’s proven history of completing previous USDA conservation contracts, did applicant complete implementation of all past contracts on schedule, or has never participated on a conservation program contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
49. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) “Applicant's history of completing previous contracts” (2 of 3) ---Based on applicant’s proven history of completing previous USDA conservation contracts, did applicant complete implementation of all contract items with minor delays, within participant's control, which required contract modification?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
50. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) “Applicant's history of completing previous contracts”(3 of 3) ---Base on applicant’s proven history of completing previous USDA conservation contracts, did applicant fail to complete a past contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
51. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) Does applicant's project require permits? If so, are all permits in place ready to install?(applies to stream projects only)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
52. (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR ALL) Is critical area restoration needed for erosion control on naturally disturbed areas? (i.e. Fire, flood, etc.) (Answer yes only if points are not awarded for other modifiers)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: